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For: METHODS FOR PROVIDING CUSTOM RUBBER STAMPS

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 & 1.98, the enclosed information is being submitted. Thirteen U.S. Patent Documents and one Other Document are being submitted as listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Comment on Reference BA:

The earliest date this reference was available to the public is uncertain. The last page of the reference stated that it was printed in Japan with no copyright date. The inventors obtained a copy in March 1999. The U.S. distributor believes it was printed in November or December 1998.

It is not believed that this is analogous art in that the Brother machine does not create a stamp with raised type and requires one to five hours for ink curing, see pp. 40 - 42. However, if the examiner thinks this reference is material, the inventors will enquire further.

If the examiner thinks that this submission does not comply with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, or 1.98 in any way, it is requested that the examiner call the undersigned.

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